



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
November 22, 2021
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and twenty-seventh meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **A PETITION FOR A ONE-TIME CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO A BEAUTY ACADEMY KNOWN AS HAIR RELICS ADVANCED ACADEMY OF BEAUTY & IMAGE, LLC AT 1282 ST. CYR RD. IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.**

No one spoke for or against the petition. The public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Gary Johnson, Rose Eichelberger, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner.

Council member(s) absent: none.

Also present: Mayor Yolanda Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; and Sam Alton, City Attorney.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

4. **Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2021.**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilwoman Eichelberger requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that she will be going through Ward 3 block-by-block. She has yet to complete doing so as shown in the October 25, 2021 minutes on page 7.

Councilwoman Clower requested that the minutes reflect that the pothole on Harney Avenue that she had reported to Jim was denied by Mayor Austin. Mayor Austin stated that she did not deny that request. Councilwoman Clower asked that the minutes be reviewed where she denied it in the past. She asked that the minutes reflect that she denied the request that Ward 4 funds had been denied her.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that the 'Draft' stamp on the proposed minutes be lightened for better viewing.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation

2. Comments by the public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)

Marietta Beck, 5426 Hodiamont Avenue, reported that not much had changed in Ward 4. She stated that there were more cars parking at 5446 Hodiamont Avenue than she reported at the last meeting, and now commercial trucks have been seen parking on the street. Ms. Beck also reported that at 5458 Hodiamont Avenue, there were four (4) vehicles parked at the vacant property.

Ms. Beck stated that the property on Garesche Avenue still has trash on the property. She commented that she did not understand how the City could begin building a new City Center when its current issues have yet to be addressed.

Capt. Mann stated that the vehicle that was parked on the property had been moved. He informed Ms. Beck that once the vehicle is moved, it resets the clock. If it was to be parked back on the property, the reporting process would have to begin again. Capt. Mann promised that the property on Garesche Avenue with trash on its lawn would be monitored and he would follow up on the vehicle issues on Hodiamont Avenue.

Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, stated that 5446 Hodiamont Avenue was in the system and had been reported to the Police Department. She informed Ms. Beck that the City would need an administrative warrant to have the vehicle removed. Schona reported that at 5458 Janet Avenue, with the vehicle parked on the property was on private property and an administrative warrant was not applicable. Sam Alton, City Attorney, stated that the Prosecuting Attorney would have to approve the warrant, and the Judge could sign off on it. He informed the City Council that administrative warrants are typically used for more serious offenses, and in very rare cases they are approved for the removal of vehicles.

David Green, 8630 Clifton Avenue, requested that the City Council meetings return to in-person sessions. He informed the City Council that the Jennings School District has resumed in-person meetings. He stated that his request was so that senior residents would be able to attend. Mayor Austin stated that she was still considering the COVID-19 case rates and must continue to observe social distancing. She stated that the Jennings School District meets in the gymnasium, which is much larger than City facilities. Mayor Austin stated that the City Council meetings could not be moved to the Civic Center due to the recording purpose of the meeting.

Kellye Still, 2625 Avie Drive, reported that Avie Drive has become a raceway for speeding drivers and semi-trailer trucks, who disregard the stop sign at Avie Drive and Sunbury Avenue. She stated that when she called to report the issue to the Police Department, she was told that there was nothing that could be done about the speeding drivers.

Capt. Mann stated that he was aware of the disregard of the speed limits by drivers, and it is a safety issue when vehicles take off during traffic stops. He informed Ms. Still those police officers are trained in favor of preserving safety, they are not to pursue vehicles that avoid being stopped. Mayor Austin asked Ms. Still when it occurred the most. Ms. Still said it happened most when children are heading to school. Mayor Austin requested that more patrols happen in that area during that time. Capt. Mann clarified that no one from the Police Department would or should ever advise residents that there was nothing that could be done.

Mayor Austin asked if Avie Drive was on the speed bump list. Vinson Rhone, Public Works Foreman, informed her that Avie Drive was not on the list. Councilwoman Eichelberger stated that Jim was aware of the issue when they spoke as Public Works was placing the barrier on Sunbury Avenue.

3. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Stichnote reported that he attended the Oak Street Health center ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 1, 2021. The health center had begun operations on November 3.

He reported a pothole at St. Cyr Drive and Shannonaire Drive that the Public Works Department looked at, yet was not filled. Councilman Stichnote requested that another pothole be filled on

Sharidge Drive, that may have appeared due to work by Missouri American Water Company that has caused wear on the street.

Councilman Stichnote reported that on November 1, 2021, the lake at Koeneman Park had been filled with trout. He informed the public that fishing trout is currently “catch and release” until February 1, 2022.

Councilman Stichnote requested a report from Capt. Mann. Capt. Mann reported that aggravated assault with a firearm was down 39 percent from the previous year, robbery with a firearm was down 22 percent, and burglary down 31 percent from the previous year. Capt. Mann informed the public that as November approached, there will likely be more crime because kids were out of school, and larceny tended to occur around the holidays.

Councilman Stichnote reported that on the corner of Clifton Drive and McLaran Avenue, there were large trucks parked on the street that have moved from previously reported Janet Avenue. He stated that they were parked there in the evenings and on weekends.

Councilman Stichnote announced that the City’s 75th Anniversary and Groundbreaking event would take place at 2315 Ada Wortley Avenue at 12 p.m.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that Missouri American Water Company did a lot of repairs on St. Cyr Drive. They were no longer doing work and she requested that they be contacted to have the signs they posted removed.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that the Jennings School District had distributed over 100 turkeys during their giveaway, in conjunction with TIAA Bank. She stated that the Demetrious Johnson Foundation also hosted a turkey giveaway from his building. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson also reported that Lt. Col. Doyle distributed ten (10) turkeys, three of which went to Capt. Mann where Mayor Austin distributed these turkeys with Capt. Mann.

She reported on Tuesday, November 24, 2021, Urban League would be distributing turkeys from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. She stated that to receive a turkey, the public must prove residency with a utility bill, photo identification, and proof of income.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested advice on the properties 2525 Hord Avenue and 2504 Shannon Avenue, where vehicles parked on the lot have been there for some time. She reported that at 2504 Shannon Avenue there was a white car parked on the front lawn. She also reported a vehicle parked partially on and off a lot on Darnell Place.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked the public to spread awareness of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She requested better communication with the residents about the distribution of the federal funds.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that there would be a memorial service for a Jennings student who passed away on December 5, 2021, at 10 a.m., at Jennings Senior High School.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that the marquee on Lucas and Hunt Road be adjusted with better background color used to make it easier for drivers to read.

She stated that if the Jennings Civic Center could host Senior Bingo in person, then the City Council meetings could be hosted in person. She reminded the public that Jennings School District was out all week for the Thanksgiving holiday, so they must drive safely.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked Capt. Mann if the police were issuing speeding tickets. He stated that Highway Safety Patrol was in Jennings for two weeks, and their statistics would not be reflected in the Jennings Precinct statistics. He informed Councilwoman Fountain Henderson that they are continuing to attempt traffic stops and have begun tracking traffic stops where vehicles refuse to stop.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked how many Code Enforcement Inspectors the City had. She reported that 8325 Sumter Drive was no longer vacant, and she knew for a fact that there was no inspection conducted for an Occupancy Permit.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson informed the City Council and the Mayor that the feedback she received from residents was that they wanted the ARPA funds to be divided amongst wards, demolished homes, and streets fixed.

Councilwoman Brown thanked the emergency management team that kept the City Council up to date regarding the fire that took place at 8709 Xograph Avenue. She stated the situation was under careful management and Councilman Stichnote was a great addition for updating residents. She commended the team for their efforts. Councilwoman Brown thanked Lt. Jones and first responders for securing and boarding up the building.

Councilwoman Brown reported that she attended the Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31, 2021, which was a joyful event for the little people. She thanked the Youth Commission for planning the event.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Capt. Mann for hosting another informative Coffee with the Cops on November 11, 2021, where they provided tips on how residents can assist and protect their community.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Schona McClellon for suggesting the training of the City's Code Enforcement Inspectors.

She reported that on Monday, November 29, 2021, Ward 2 would host their virtual town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m.

She reminded the public to remain vigilant concerning the COVID-19 virus, as case rates may rise during the holiday season.

Councilman Wilson reported that he did join the Jennings staff at the Oak Street Health center. He stated that access to healthcare was so important and he was grateful to have the health center in the City of Jennings. He stated that it was the first site by the company that was located in North St. Louis County.

Councilman Wilson reported that North County Community Development also distributed turkeys to Jennings and other North County communities. He stated that the recreational center was started by family and financed by family, yet now operates off donations that are received from across St. Louis County. The work that was done by North County Community Development was to benefit the North County community, especially Jennings. He was thankful that the organization made its home in Jennings.

Councilman Wilson reported that on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 6:30 pm, Ward 2 would host a virtual town hall meeting. He stated that the information shared at the town hall meeting would include updates from the Jennings School District Superintendent, and Lt. Jones will give an update on the Xograph Avenue warehouse fire site and provide details regarding the future of the site. The town hall meeting would act as a forum to discuss the use of the ARPA funds, and he welcomed other Jennings residents to join the discussion. Councilman Wilson stated that the council members have allocated approximately 30-35 minutes for feedback from residents. Information could be found on the City website and social media.

Councilman Wilson recognized the Youth Commission and Recreation Department for the Trunk or Treat event. He commented that it was good to see other council people make an appearance at the event. He would love to see more participation in those events.

Councilman Johnson reported that there was a Ward 3 meeting on November 13, 2021, held in-person and virtually. He stated that Capt. Mann and Dr. Paula Knight also attended the meeting.

He reported that he attended the Trunk n Treat hosted at Gary Gore Community Center on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Councilman Johnson stated that there was a larger turn out of kids than in previous years.

Councilman Johnson reported that he had the opportunity to speak at Washington University to students and answer their questions about civic engagement.

Councilman Johnson reported that he attended the November 4 Ward 4 town hall meeting, where they heard great feedback about the ARPA funds.

Councilman Johnson requested that public meeting notices go out earlier than 24 hours in advance, so council members and the public could prepare or attend the meetings. He requested that every committee meeting invitation should be sent to all council members. Councilman Johnson also requested that the City Council meetings return to in-person sessions.

He stated that he requested at the October City Council meeting that a police oversight committee be formed, although there was a committee that discusses public safety. He reported that there was a Public Safety Committee meeting that was held and requested that the next meeting discussing public safety not be held at 1 p.m. Councilman Johnson commented that most members of the public cannot attend at that time and there was no council representation at the last meeting.

Councilman Johnson stated that on the City's financial report, the Jennings Special Tax District received \$34, which he believed should look more like \$7,000 in revenue. He stated that there was no meeting with that committee in 2021 and requested a report regarding that tax revenue fund. Councilman Johnson suggested that the council members be invited to the meetings and asked who was on the committee.

Councilman Johnson asked if the forgivable loan terms that were discussed at the October meeting were reviewed by Sam and ready to be reported on.

Councilman Johnson read aloud the City's audit financial statements. He expressed concern over the handling of federally awarded funds. He requested that the position of Finance Director be pursued harder and requested an additional human resources staff member be hired part-time.

Councilwoman Eichelberger reported that the Ward 3 meeting was on November 13, 2021, and thanked Capt. Mann and Dr. Knight for their attendance. She stated that Councilwoman Fountain Henderson also attended the productive meeting. She stated that Capt. Mann shared information regarding the Ring security camera program.

Councilwoman Eichelberger reported that the situations with rotting vegetation and tree limbs on Osborn Avenue were addressed without issue. She also reported that on the 7000 and 7100 blocks of Theodore Avenue there are houses with excessive amounts of furniture out front and trash across the lawn and curb. She stated that she attempted to stop by in that area, but a dangerous dog was roaming around. Councilwoman Eichelberger reached out to St. Louis County Animal Control, and they provided her a form that she shared in the chat.

Councilwoman Eichelberger requested an account of the City's combined revenue and expense reports.

Councilwoman Eichelberger announced that some dress attire items were donated for men, if anyone was in need to contact her. She stated that other donations are coming that must have space made for.

Councilwoman Clower requested that the pothole on Helen Avenue and Harney Avenue be filled. Vince commented that he was waiting to hear back from Missouri American Water. She requested that the pothole on Hodiament Avenue with a metal plate also be filled. Vince stated that he will be coordinating with the Building Department to rectify that pothole.

Councilwoman Clower requested that the tree branches at a vacant property on Garesche Avenue between Helen Avenue and Hodiament Avenue be removed. Tree branches are there and the removal will help to prevent trash dumping from continuing to occur. She asked where the Public

Works Department was on cutting grass in Ward 4 because she heard that they would not be getting to the ward until January 2022. Vince said they were in Ward 1 that day. The properties on the 5400 block of Helen Avenue were set to be cut that week.

Councilwoman Clower reported that she had signs made regarding the trash dumping and they will be posted. She also reported that there were homes that were purchased on Hodiament Avenue that need to be inspected, have vehicles parking on their lawns.

Councilwoman Clower reported that there was a Ward 4 town hall meeting on November 4, 2021. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson and Councilman Johnson joined the meeting. The meeting discussed the \$2.4 million of ARPA funds and the survey. She stated that residents were displeased that money would not be returned to the ward to be used for demolition and grass cutting.

Councilwoman Clower stated that the City of Jennings was a third-class city. She stated that according to state statutes, the mayor only votes when there was a tie at City Council meetings. She asked why the survey regarding the ARPA funds was distributed when the City Council was not consulted about the survey. Councilwoman Clower requested that there be a public hearing held regarding the use of the ARPA funds.

Councilman Turner reported that he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Oak Street Health center. He stated that the healthcare establishment coming to Jennings was a sign that progress was happening. He commented that the City's purpose was to care for its residents and that it was easy to get caught up in other things going on.

Councilman Turner shared a quote from *The Strangest Secret* by Earl Nightingale. He encouraged residents to think about what they desired to see in their community.

Sam Alton addressed the comment made by Councilwoman Clower that the ARPA survey must come to the City Council. He informed the City Council that the mayor is the presiding officer according to the Jennings Code of Ordinances. The mayor is not obligated, under that code or the third-class statutes, to consult with the City Council regarding asking for resident feedback.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin thanked the City department heads. She stated that the human resources staff have been working diligently to post job openings and that they were being circulated in many newspapers and shared on social media.

Mayor Austin congratulated Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, for her certification as a Missouri Registered City Clerk.

Mayor Austin shared that senior resident, Howard Shelton, was killed in a hit and run on Halls Ferry Road and Shadydale Drive. She reminded the public to slow down when driving.

Mayor Austin stated that as Councilman Stichnote mentioned, there were 2,400 trout deposited in the lake at Koeneman Park on November 4, 2021. She spoke with a fisherman who came from Hillsboro to visit the park. Mayor Austin stated that people come from all over Missouri to fish at Koeneman Park.

Mayor Austin announced that Oak Street Health center was proud to be in the City of Jennings and to be serving the North County area.

Mayor Austin stated the Recreation Department hosts the Neighborhood Watch meetings and the Recreation Department team does assist senior residents with registering and signing on the Zoom meetings online or to help them join via telephone. Mayor Austin thanked Willie and the Recreation Department for assisting the senior residents. Mayor Austin also reminded the public that Verna Charles, Mayor's Assistant, was also available to help the public join the meetings.

Mayor Austin reported that the total ARPA funds are \$2,684,535.12 that has been allocated to the City and the City Council has been aware of the estimated amount to be received since April 2021.

Mayor Austin stated that there have been emails going out to City Council members and there have been opportunities for meetings with their ward residents. She stated that the City Council had received in more than one email, the information of what the funds could be used on and some of the suggestions received are not a part of the federal guidelines. Thus far, the City of Jennings has received \$1,470,512.35.

She thanked the multiple organizations for their donations for Thanksgiving, and the Jennings School District for providing food boxes to the community. Mayor Austin also thanked the Urban League for food boxes, North County Community Development for distributing turkeys, and Moses Dixon Lodge #187 for distributing turkeys.

Mayor Austin also thanked the emergency management team, Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Wilson, City Clerk, Police Department, and Fire Department for coming together. She announced that the City completed its application for the Brownfield Grant in August 2021 for funding to clean up the site. In September 2021, the City received approval for the cleanup of items in the building. Mayor Austin reported that fencing was placed in the front and back of the property, and security and police officers were patrolling the area to keep folks out of the building.

Mayor Austin thanked Willie and the Recreation Department staff for the vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine booster clinic from Visionary Vaccination & Health Services and St. Louis County, which was open to residents and City staff, and St. Peters Church for providing flu shots.

Mayor Austin will continue to ask the public to check the City website for updates at www.cityofjennings.org. She stated that there was a cell phone line implemented and an email address to report dumping and suspicious activity. Mayor Austin thanked Capt. Mann for creating the community Ring security camera program. She explained how the program worked. To register, a form must be completed and given to Verna Charles, who will ensure Capt. Mann receives the registration forms.

Mayor Austin stated that she had no problem with hearing concerns of the residents of Jennings, that's how the City will know how to do better. She stated that there are many avenues to come together and spread the word to make Jennings a better place.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Austin recommended that City Council members contact the department heads regarding a report before a council meeting if they have any questions regarding a department report.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the monthly department reports. Councilwoman Eichelberger abstained; Councilwoman Fountain Henderson opposed.

Councilman Johnson stated that he would contact the department head. He asked who was responsible for creating the Economic Development and Zoning Reports. Kellie Shelton, Economic Development Coordinator, stated that she prepared the report and received feedback from the Building Department and Economic Development Consultant. Councilman Johnson asked if she was involved in all processes of economic development projects in the City of Jennings. She stated that she was not always included in all projects.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested a hard copy of the packet.

On the following roll call voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Joseph Turner; Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower abstained; Yolonda Fountain Henderson opposed. The motion passed.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Wilson reported that there was a meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 4:30 pm. The committee discussed the report from the Public Safety Director, Lt. Pervis Jones, on the Xograph Warehouse fire and the security of the building. The committee discussed the approval of the Code Enforcement Inspector contract,

which would be on the agenda for approval from the City Council that evening.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Councilwoman Clower reported that there was a meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. She stated that the committee entertained an open discussion of speed bumps and resident complaints of too many speed bumps on Cozens Avenue. The committee requested a survey be completed for speed bumps and discussed potential damage to the street in removing the speed bumps. The committee will explore possible solutions that would need the number of speed bumps to be discussed for removal. The committee resolved to return to the next meeting with a list of speed bumps to request removal of.

The committee discussed the community garden and spreading the word through avenues like the City newsletter. Councilwoman Clower stated that the contracting of grass cutting services was also discussed and an action plan requested for the lots in multiple wards to be addressed. The committee discussed the Building Department procedure. The committee also discussed tree limb pick-up.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported that there was no meeting.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Councilman Turner reported that there was a meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 5:01 p.m. The committee discussed the COVID-19 and face-covering ordinance adopting the staff policy to the City Council for approval. The committee discussed the approval of the City Pandemic Preparedness Policy to the City Council for approval. Councilman Turner stated that the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

5. Municipal League – Councilman Wilson reported that there was a Board of Directors meeting discussing the St. Louis County Use Tax, which was previously voted on three years ago. He commented that there was a common misunderstanding of the Use Tax. He explained the meaning of the tax which referred to online purchases made within specific municipalities. He stated that it was in the City's best interest, and it should be considered to be on the ballot again. Councilman Wilson stated the close of candidate filing and proposition filing was December 28, 2021. He invited the City Council to attend the next Executive Board meeting.

6. Planning Commission – Councilman Johnson reported that there was a meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021. The commission discussed the conditional use permit application for Hair Relics Academy, which was approved and recommended to the City Council.

7. Economic Development Board – There was no meeting.

8. Youth Commission – Report provided.

9. Senior Commission – Report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO GENECA GOLDSBY TO OPERATE A BEAUTY ACADEMY KNOWN AS HAIR RELICS ADVANCED ACADEMY OF BEAUTY & IMAGE, LLC AT 1282 ST. CYR RD. IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2671. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2671 became Ordinance #2608 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, and Lorraine Clower; none absent nor opposing.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE MECHANICAL (ELEVATORS AND CONVEYOR

SYSTEMS AND AMUSEMENT RIDES ONLY) AND EXPLOSIVES CODES OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI AS AMENDED AS THE MECHANICAL (ELEVATORS AND CONVEYOR SYSTEMS AND AMUSEMENT RIDES ONLY) AND EXPLOSIVES CODES OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger for Bill #2672. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked what the ordinance referred to. Mayor Austin clarified that the ordinance referred to machinery like the elevators in senior homes.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2672 became Ordinance #2609 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, and Lorraine Clower; none absent nor opposing.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, ADOPTING A POLICY REQUIRING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson for Bill #2673. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson suggested that the City was targeting unvaccinated staff members. Deletra informed him that the reason for the policy was due to advisement from the City's insurance brokers that the lack of policy could affect the City's coverage and insurance rates. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that the way the policy was read was as if staff members don't have many options. Councilwoman Eichelberger requested that the verbiage be adjusted in the policy. Sam stated that a provision could be made to the ordinance. Councilwoman Clower also requested that a section be added to the policy.

No motion was made for the second reading. Bill #2673 did not become an ordinance.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Calling for an Election

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the resolution of notice of election on April 5, 2022, for the Mayor and one council member of each four wards. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Approval of the appointment(s) to the CID Board

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the recommendation for the CID Board appointment of Kellie Shelton as a Director and reappointment of Schona McClellon as a Director from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the 2022 City Holiday Calendar

On the motion made by Councilwoman Eichelberger, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the 2022 Holiday Calendar. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the Code Enforcement Inspector contract

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the Code Enforcement Inspector Contract beginning November 29, 2021, at \$23.41 per hour not to exceed 25 hours per week for four weeks. By the following roll call voting in favor:

Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; Eichelberger abstained; Gary Johnson and Yolonda Fountain Henderson opposed.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked if the contractor would be subject to the City's drug testing policy. Deletra informed Councilwoman Fountain Henderson that contractors are not subject to the City's Drug and Alcohol Policy. Councilman Johnson asked if Mike Vilmer had had been interviewed by the City. Deletra stated that she could not confirm nor deny that he had.

5. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the monthly bills for payment. All in favor; none opposed.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked everyone who stayed on until the end of the City Council meeting and the total number of attendees, including the City Council were approximately 40 people on the call.

J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-3)

On November 22, 2021, on the motion made by Councilwoman Eichelberger, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved a closed session for Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3) by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Johnson, Eichelberger, Turner, and Clower; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Also, present were Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson.

1. PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Hire Full-Time Administrative Assistance 1

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, to hire Cheryl Wallace for the full-time Administrative Assistant 1 position, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.


b. Terminate Full Time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to terminate DomaNeisha Harden, Corrections Officer. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

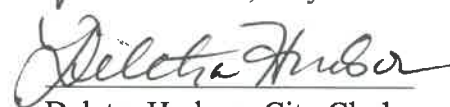
K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council voted by roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk